

## TRYING TO PREVENT WAR

## The Colombian Government Apparently Anxious for Peace

senior Herran Asks the Acting Secretary of State for an Interpretation of Mr. Hay's Announcement. Awaiting the President's Views.

The Colombian Government is evidently making every effort to avoid war with Venezuela and Ecuador and to that end is placing great dependence on the offer of President McKinley to mediate in the South American troubles.

Senor Herran, Secretary of the Colombian Legation here, today made certain representations to the Acting Secretary

of State, Mr. Adee, intended to secure a fuller interpretation of Secretary Hay's announcement of the President's offer, but the interview was unsatisfactory in that Mr. Adee declined to make any statements amplifying what had been said by Mr. Hay.

The Colombian Government is particularly anxious to ascertain if the United States regards the troubles involving Co-

Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador as civil or foreign, and it desires to know also if this Government construes the treaty of New Granada, guaranteeing the sovereignty of Colombia over the Isthmus of Panama, to entitle the United States to preserve the territorial integrity of Colombia. None of these questions have yet been answered by the State Department, and will not be until President McKinley has had an opportunity to consider them.

The Colombian authorities here appear to be confident that the Government of Ecuador is not supporting the hostile land and naval movement from that country to the Isthmus. They claim that the expedition from Ecuador is in accord with the insurrectionary movement, and that

is not sanctioned by President Plaza and the Government authorities of Ecuador.

**NO INVESTIGATION LIKELY.**

**Formal Charges Against Judge Street Not Yet Filed.**

Attorney General Knox, who was expected to return to the city this morning, has advised the Department of Justice that his absence will continue until Monday. There is no development in the case of the deceased judicial conduct.

While the Attorney General admitted, in a recent statement, that he had been informally advised that Judge Street's actions were the subject of adverse comment, it is most improbable that any investigation will be held in the absence of

charges filed in due form with the Department of Justice.

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**RUSHING IMPORTANT MAIL.**

**Delayed Matter Sent Out of Chicago on a Special Train.**

CHICAGO, Sept. 5.—The most important mail that has left Australia for France passed through Chicago this morning five hours later than usual, but with the efforts of a hundred railroad men and the fastest engine on the Lake Shore road combined it was hoped to rush it through to New York in time to catch the steamer which sails at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning for Southampton.

There is a carload of it and for the past thirty-six hours the wires have been hot with messages about accelerating its speed and delivery. The Oriental Steamship Company brought the mail to San Francisco from Sydney. At best it would

have arrived in Chicago at 9:30 o'clock this morning, an hour too late to catch the Lake Shore fast train which leaves for New York at 8:30. So J. D. Spreckels decided to send a special train out of Chicago in order to overtake the regular train at Cleveland. If the mails miss the Southampton steamer, the British Parliament will not get its Australian colonial mail for two weeks.

A NEW ASPHALT COMPANY.  
Organized in Chicago With a Capl-

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—The Federal Asphalt Company, which controls the asphaltum beds in four counties of Kentucky, has just been organized with a

capital stock of \$5,000,000, \$3,500,000 of which has been paid in. The company is to be incorporated under the laws of West Virginia and it has already put men at work in the property in Grayson county, Ky.

The company's officers are: F. D. Coffen, President; Joseph Huffaker, vice president; A. H. Loeb, treasurer; F. L. Warner, secretary, and Azel F. Hatch,

general counsel. All of the officers and directors are residents of Chicago with the exception of Mr. Huffaker, the vice president, who resides in Louisville.

The company owns 25,000 acres of land in Hardin, Grayson, Edmondson, Hart, and Warren counties, which it purchased about six weeks ago.

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**TO IMITATE THE YANKEES.**

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**Cubans to Experiment With Raising Tobacco Under Cloth.**  
TARIFFVILLE, Conn., Sept. 6.—The Cubans are to have Yankee coaching in growing tobacco under cloth. Luis Marx, the most extensive tobacco planter in Cu-

na, has been here a week, watching the Michigan experiments in growing Sumatra tobacco under cloth. He is a brother-in-law of Samuel Strouse, of New York city. They have engaged L. F. Reynolds, superintendent for Ariel Michelson, to go

They have already purchased cloth to cover twenty acres, and will establish their plant fifteen miles from Havana.

Mr. Marx's enthusiastic over the new process of raising tobacco and believes that it will revolutionize the industry of Cuba, as it has done that of Connecticut and is gradually doing that of the United States.

**Won a Golf Trophy.**  
LONDON, Sept. 5.—In the golf tournament at St. Andrews today C. Maitland beat Gallan by 5 up and 4 to play, thus

G. A. R. National Encampment,  
Cleveland, and Ben. Harrison, N.

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